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Identical letters dated 28 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In recent months, I have sent numerous letters alerting the Security Council to the escalating threat posed by Hezbollah. This morning, Hezbollah terrorists fired anti-tank missiles at an Israel Defense Forces patrol in the northern Mount Dov region, gravely injuring several soldiers. This attack came after two days of rocket and mortar fire from Syria into Israel.

Events in the north continue to unfold, and Israel extends its condolences to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the Spanish Government over the death of one of its soldiers earlier today.

For years, Hezbollah has been stockpiling weapons in southern Lebanon in violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah regularly threatens Israel, and his terrorist organization took responsibility for this morning's attack. Hezbollah has the military capabilities; it has made its intentions clear; and this morning we saw the results.

The international community cannot ignore the threat any longer. Israel will not stand by as Hezbollah targets Israelis. Israel will not accept any attacks on its territory and it will exercise its right to self-defence and take all necessary measures to protect its population.

I urge the Security Council to unequivocally and publically condemn Hezbollah. The terrorist organization must be disarmed and the Government of Lebanon must abide by its international commitments and fully implement Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

I should be grateful if the present letter were distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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